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SUBJECT: CODEL PERCY VISIT TO TANZANIA

1. SUMMARY: CODEL PERCY VISIT TANZANIA APRIL 14-17 RECEIVED WARM RECEPTION ELICITED USEFUL EXPOSITIONS OF TANGOV VIEWS, FURTHERED EMBASSY INTERESTS ON IMPORTANT ISSUES, AND SEEMED ACCOMPLISH SENATOR'S OBJECTIVES. END SUMMARY.
2. DURING THREE DAY VISIT TANZANIA, SENATOR AND MRS. CHARLES PERCY AND DR. PETER POOLE PARTICIPATED IN FULL COUNTRY TEAM BRIEFING; MET AMERICAN UNOFFICIAL COMMUNITY; HAD LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KADUMA, FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR FOR AMERICA MUGANDA AND DIRECTOR FOR AFRICA MWASAKAFYUKA AND ASSOCIATES; CALLED ON MINISTER OF INFORMATION MWAKAWAGO AND OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE EXEC SECY MBITA; HAD DINNER DISCUSSION WITH MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PLANNING JAMAL AND PRESIDENT'S ECONOMIC COORDINATOR RWEYEMANU, AND BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER BROWN; MET TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR TO UN SELIM DURING BRIEF VISIT ZANZIBAR; AND HAD HOUR'S WARM MEETING WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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PRESIDENT NYERERE. NUMEROUS SESSIONS WITH LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL PRESS PROVIDED GOOD NEWS COVERAGE.

3. DURING COURSE OF VISIT, SENATOR GOT GOOD FEEL FOR TANGOV VIEWS

ON ALMOST ALL MAJOR QUESTIONS, E.G. UJAMAA, FOOD PRODUCTION, FOREIGN AID, NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, AND SOVIET AND CHINESE DEVELOPMENTS. SOUTHERN AFRICA PROBLEM COVERED IN DETAIL WITH FOREIGN MINISTER WHO, INTER ALIA, (A) PRONOUNCED SWAPO CAPABLE OF TAKING OVER EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT IN NAMIBIA AT ANY TIME, (B) SUGGESTED WEST PAY COMPENSATION FOR DEPARTURE WHITE RACISTS FROM RHODESIA WHILE AFRICANS PAID FOR BULLETS TO MAKE THEM READY DEPART, (C) VOLUNTEERED THAT NO FOREIGN TROOPS WOULD BE USED IN LIBERATION ZIMBABWE, AND (D) OBJECTED STRONGLY TO WHAT HE CALLED US "HABIT OF TRYING TO CHOOSE AFRICA'S FRIENDS AND ENEMIES FOR IT."

4. MUCH MORE URBANE NYERERE POINTED UP SOUTH AFRICA AS MAIN LONG-TERM PROBLEM ON WHICH US MIGHT BE OF HELP, INSISTING VORSTER STILL NOT THINKING IN TERMS CHANGE BUT RATHER OF HOW DEFEND EXISTING SYSTEM AND URGING USG TO TRY GET HIM TO ACCEPT CHANGE. NYERERE EMPHASIZED THAT IF SOUTH AFRICA SUPPORTS SMITH IN RHODESIA, FIGHTING WILL GO ON FOR A LONG TIME; THE LONGER THE FIGHTING GOES ON, THE LESS ACCEPTABLE TO SOUTH AFRICA WILL BE THE RESULT. SITUATION IN NAMIBIA IS THE SAME: SOUTH AFRICA CAN NOW HAVE AN INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT IN NAMIBIA SHAPED BY THE UN; IF IT CONTINUES TO RESIST THAT, IT WILL END UP WITH A "GOVERNMENT OF GUNS." PRESIDENT OFFERED HIS FORMULA FOR RHODESIA: "ENOUGH FIGHTING BY US AND ENOUGH PRESSURE BY YOU TO FORCE SMITH TO GO TO LONDON AND TURN OVER". NYERERE ALSO URGED SENATOR PERCY TO VISIT MAPUTO TO SEE FOR HIMSELF THAT GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE WAS INDEPENDENT, NATIONALIST ONE, NOT SOVIET OR CHINESE-CONTROLLED.

5. WITH PRESIDENT, FOREIGN MINISTER, OTHER OFFICIALS, AND PRESS, SENATOR PERCY EMPHASIZED USG'S COMMITMENT TO MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, ITS DETERMINATION NOT TO "BAIL OUT" SMITH AND VORSTER, WHILE URGING FULL EXPLORATION POSSIBILITIES OF PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. HE MADE CLEAR USG'S RESPECT FOR TANZANIA'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE ITS FRIENDS AND TO ACCEPT AID FROM ANY USEFUL SOURCE. HE SUGGESTED MEASURES FOR GREATER TANGOV CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION WITH GOVERNOR SCRANTON AT UN. HE MADE PERSUASIVE PITCH TO FINANCE MINISTER JAMAL FOR SETTLEMENT CLAIMS OF US NATIONS FOR EXPROPRIATED PROPERTIES. TO ALL, HE STRESSED SECRETARY'S COMMIT-
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MENT TO MAJORITY RULE, HIS INTEREST IN AFRICA AND IN PROVIDING GREATER ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO POORER NATIONS, AND IMPORTANCE SECRETARY'S UPCOMING VISIT TO AFRICA. IN SUM, SENATOR WAS MOST EFFECTIVE PRESURSOR.

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